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Application No.: 09/582,825)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted or cited by the Examiner in a prior application, no. 09/186,372, filing date November 5, 1998, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

1. FR 2, 278, 998 - U.S. Patent No. 4, 425,326 is an equivalent of this French Patent and was previously submitted in a prior application, no. 09/186,372, filing date November 5, 1998.

2. FR 2, 617,043 - An abstract of this document was previously submitted in a prior application, no. 09/186,372, filing date November 5, 1998.

3. DE 19603196 - An abstract of this document was previously submitted in a prior application, no. 09/186,372, filing date November 5, 1998.

3. JP 7-324013 - An abstract of this document was previously submitted in a prior application, no. 09/186,372, filing date November 5, 1998.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

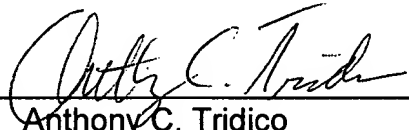
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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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